

CHINATOWN EN FETE FOR KONOHI

(From Saturday's Advertiser.)

Konohe is here, as all who live within a mile of the center of Chinatown can bear witness. The New Year was ushered into Honolulu in the style peculiar to those to whom the celebration is the one holiday time of the year, with the explosion of thousands of firecrackers and the booming of innumerable bombs. The number of yards of crackers may have been less than in former years and the bombs of smaller size, but the noise was ear-splitting just the same, and the danger of fire none the less imminent.

Chinatown was busy from early yesterday morning in preparation for the big event. Along Hotel street and Beretania avenue in that quarter, hundreds of street vendors did big business with stands of Chinese lilies, and everywhere the merchants were decorating their places of business, hanging streamers of red cloth from their store signs and replacing the faded flowers and peacock feathers, which have braved the elements since the last celebration, with new ones, bright with gay tints and fresh blossoms. The various clubhouses throughout the quarter hummed with life as the members swept and garnished the buildings for today's reception, while elsewhere along the streets the big lanterns and the more modern electric brilliancies were hung out for the darkness to transform the thoroughfares into lanes of light.

Until the whistles blew for midnight and the firecrackers and bombs were touched off for their half hour din, Chinatown was quiet after nightfall, quieter even than usual. According to the excellent principle prevailing, every family gathered as many of their members together as possible for the final meal of the old year, a gathering at which all the differences of the twelvemonth were wiped out, grudges forgotten and quarrels straightened out. Until midnight each family kept to itself. After midnight and the birth of the new year, the stores and tenements were thrown open, firecrackers by the thousands were burned and the first of the kindred voices paid.

There were haules in the celebrating quarters at the noisy hour. Some few tourists slipped among the flying crackers, and a score or two of hams and pointed out the difference between things as they are and the good old days that were.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Baldwin and two children left for Kahoiki by the Clarendon yesterday afternoon.

THE TRUTH ALWAYS.

"When you are in doubt tell the truth." It was an experienced old diplomat who said this to a beginner in the work. It may pass in some things, but not in business. Fraud and deception are often profitable so long as concealed; yet detection is certain sooner or later; then comes the smash-up and the punishment. The best and safest way is to tell the truth all the time. Thus you make friends that stick by you, and a reputation that is always worth twenty shillings to the pound everywhere your goods are offered for sale. We are able modestly to affirm that it is on this basis that the world-wide popularity of WAMPOLE'S PREPARATION rests. The people have discovered that this medicine is exactly what it is said to be, and that it does what we have always declared it will do. Its nature also has been frankly made known. It is palatable as honey and contains all the nutritive and curative properties of Pure Cod Liver Oil, extracted by us from fresh cod livers, combined with the Compound Syrup of Hypophosphites and the Extracts of Malt and Wild Cherry. A combination of supreme excellence and medicinal merit. Nothing has been so successful in Anemia, Scrofula, Bronchitis, Influenza, Loss of Flesh and Wasting Diseases, Weakness and Low Nervous Tone, and all complaints caused by Impure Blood. Dr. Austin D. Irvine, of Canada, says: "I have used it in cases where cod liver oil was indicated but could not be taken by the patient, and the results following were very gratifying." It cannot deceive or disappoint you, is effective from the first dose and comes to the rescue of those who have received no benefit from any other treatment. It represents the dawn of progress. Sold by all chemists everywhere.

KONOHI



LAUKEA TAKES GOOD POSITION

(From Saturday's Advertiser.)

The resignation of Sheriff Laukea as a member of the Central Committee of the Territorial Democratic party was presented and accepted at a meeting of that committee last night. This resignation was the main matter to come up, the only other business of importance being a report from the committee on rules.

Sheriff Laukea's letter of resignation was as follows:

January 31, 1908.

Mr. J. Emmelhuth, Secretary Democratic Central Committee, Honolulu.

Dear Sir: The stand I have taken in withdrawing from politics and requiring all police officers and Democrats in office to abstain from political activity at the coming campaign, is generally known, I think, amongst many of our party leaders, and the one thing remaining to give it public assurance is my own resignation from membership in the executive council of the Democratic party. This I now do, leaving the way clear for the Central Committee to appoint someone in my place and stand.

I believe the Democratic party expects me to make good, and to render a good accounting of my stewardship not only in the sense of giving the people an honest and efficient administration, but in instituting police reforms that will make for clean government. If this, then, is what is expected of me, it must also be my reason for taking the step that I have and doing all I can, by precept and example, to free the department from the demoralizing influences of political machinations.

A rule of the department provides that no police officer shall be a member of any political nominating convention, and that he shall not take an active part in politics except to cast his individual vote for such candidates as he may prefer. The purpose and public policy of this rule cannot be questioned, and you can readily perceive that it would be a strange incongruity for the head of a department to enforce a regulation among his subordinates which he himself ignores.

With assurances of my highest devotion to duty and party, and wishing the Democratic party a successful campaign, I remain, dear sir,

Very sincerely yours,

C. P. LAUKEA.

NEW COLLEGE IN SHAPE TO BEGIN

The College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts is now in a position and well equipped for giving instruction to those young persons who choose to prepare themselves for the entrance to the regular four-year course, which begins September 14. These courses lead to a degree of Bachelor of Science in agriculture, engineering and domestic science. The Rev. W. E. Powine has been secured as a temporary instructor to assist Professor Pope with the work. Several students have already enrolled themselves for the preparatory classes, which begin work on February 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hind of Kona, arrived by the Mauna Loa yesterday.

WAS A BAD DAY FOR BLIND PIGS

(From Saturday's Advertiser.)

Yesterday was a bad day for the blind pigs. F. K. Seong, a Chinese who has long run a place on lower Fort street just below Lucas' Mill, and has often been suspected of selling liquor without a license, was found guilty yesterday by Judge Andrade and sentenced to pay a fine of \$150 and costs. This is the third time he has been convicted.

Lum Yip Kee was convicted of having liquor unlawfully on his premises, and he was fined \$150 and costs. His place is on King street opposite Aala Park. This case has proved a very interesting one and a hard fought one. Lum Yip Kee was arrested before for selling liquor without a license, but on the trial an employee claimed to have done the selling and Lum was discharged. But while the police were collecting evidence, they found a large quantity of liquor under a trap door in his premises.

The prosecution offered in evidence proof that Lum Yip Kee had paid the special tax required by the Internal Revenue laws for retail retailers of liquors. This was strenuously objected to but after long argument, Judge Andrade admitted it in evidence as tending to show, in connection with the possession of the liquor, that the liquor was in possession for the purpose of illicit sale.

This ruling is considered a very important victory in the prosecution of illicit selling as many illicit sellers take the pretension to pay the special federal tax.

BABBITT WILL MAKE TRIP TO WASHINGTON

W. H. Babbitt, Superintendent of Public Instruction, is hastening the arrangement of his office affairs to permit of his departure next Friday for Washington, where he is invited to attend the conference of State Superintendents of Public Instruction to be held on the 24th of this month.

On receiving the invitation from E. E. Brown, U. S. Commissioner of Education, Mr. Babbitt submitted the matter to Governor Peary, who by letter has urged him of the desirability of his attendance at the conference. Though loth to leave his work at home, which the designing of new schoolhouses has lately made particularly arduous, Mr. Babbitt takes the advice of the Governor as, in a degree, mandatory. At the same time he fully appreciates the advantages of attending the conference for the benefit of educational administration in Hawaii.

Mr. Babbitt had a personal conference with the Governor late yesterday afternoon, after which he stated that it was settled he should go. He will leave in the Korea on Friday and be absent about two months.

EVERY BOTTLE GUARANTEED.

This is done with Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and if you are not satisfied after using two-thirds of the bottle according to directions, return what is left and your money will be refunded. For sale by all dealers. Benson, Smith & Co., agents for Hawaii.

WHAT BISHOP RESTARICK SAW IN A WIDE-OPEN TOWN

Editor Advertiser: Thank you for coming out so strongly in relation to any proposal to attract people here by making this place a resort where open vice would be permitted. You have the thanks of every right-minded citizen for standing out against this and other proposals of the kind. Any such idea as that said to be advocated in relation to getting people here by permitting gambling, puts one thing first in human life, and that is the getting of the dollar. Again and again, Mr. Editor, you and I have heard in the Western States an objection to putting a stop to open vice, that it would "hurt the town." The idea being that gamblers and others who spend money freely would circulate money and increase the population. The idea of progress and prosperity seems to be numbers without any regard for quality, and that we want to get more citizens no matter what their character is.

When gamblers were allowed to run their places here in a period not long since, I took pains to trace the cause behind most of the financial delinquencies of young Hawaiians. The cause was gambling. Bring people here by having an open town! No matter whether this leads to the debauchery of our youth or not!

Thank God there are enough people in Honolulu who value the moral lives of their children and their neighbors' children too highly to entertain any idea of prosperity which comes from the permission of open vice.

You and I, Mr. Editor, lived together years ago in a wide-open town. The times were certainly exciting, but as boys say now, they were "ferce." Your brother, who was with you then, told me how he looked from your newspaper office into a backyard

which belonged to a saloon and gambling house. One day he saw two men bring another man out and "roll" him. He did not know at first what they were doing, and imagined it might be some fooling, but after seeing the same operation performed two or three times, he realized that systematic robbery was going on as soon as a man was drunk enough not to know just what was being done to him. In that town I buried a murdered man every week for some time. Gambling and robbery went together until most people carried arms, and, as you know, peaceable citizens were frequently shot or sandbagged on their way home. One friend of mine was knocked down on leaving our house and robbed. I remember how mothers came to me in tears about their sons' gambling, and how wives told me that their husbands had lost their all in the same way, and how suicides were frequent.

When it was proposed to put a stop to this open condition, the cry was, "You will hurt the town," or "You will make this a jay town." The last term was used as an argument here when it was proposed to allow amusements on Sundays for which admission was paid. Most of us, even if we are not Puritans, want to keep this a decent city in which we can bring up our families respectable and God-fearing. Very few, for the sake of a little money, would consider for a moment the proposition to turn it into a hell of open vice.

In the town to which I have been referring, you will remember that with the exodus of gamblers and sharpers a better class of people began to come, and that, instead of hurting the town, the city gained in every way by decency and right doing.

HENRY B. RESTARICK.

EXPERT BEE MAN COMING HERE FROM WASHINGTON

Dr. E. F. Phillips, in charge of apiculture, Bureau of Entomology, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, will make a special trip to Hawaii next month under a letter of authority from the Secretary of Agriculture. The trip is a result of the efforts of the Hawaiian Bee-Keepers' Association. In a letter to the secretary of the association, Dr. Phillips states that he will leave San Francisco on the transport Crook, scheduled to sail on February 29.

Speaking of Dr. Phillips' visit yesterday, D. L. Van Dine said: "Tropical conditions must receive consideration in American apiculture from now on, and nowhere can these conditions be regarded as better than in Hawaii. The equipment of the apiculturist and the manipulation of the bees here necessarily differ in many respects to practice in temperate-zone localities. We want to know if we are overlooking anything that would give a larger return. Because of Dr. Phillips' wide experience on the mainland, he will be able to suggest the ways we can change our operations to increase the output or produce more economically the present output. He will spend about a month here and visit all the principal apiaries of the islands."

"We have reason to think that no disease of bees exists in Hawaii. An expert can give us authoritative assurance and point out the measures that will be necessary to insure future immunity. Then, also, future requests for assistance or advice can be given in the light of a personal knowledge of local conditions rather than on long-range suggestions."



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PROBABLY FATAL STREET CAR ACCIDENT

A Japanese woman, whose identity has not yet been established, received probably fatal injuries last night by jumping off a moving Rapid Transit car. Her skull is fractured and she is otherwise hurt, leading the physicians who attended her at the Queen's Hospital to be doubtful of her recovery. At the time of the accident she was carrying a four-year-old child, a girl, who miraculously escaped any injury whatever in the mad plunge that brings her mother to death's door.

The accident occurred last night at eight o'clock, the woman and child being passengers on King street car No. 1, eastbound. The car was passing Singer's bakery at a fair rate of speed when, without giving any stop signal of any kind, the woman picked up the child and jumped off. As soon as her feet touched the ground she was thrown on the back of her head with terrific force and was rendered unconscious, the child being thrown out of her arms and rolled over and over on the road.

As soon as the ambulance could arrive from the police station the woman was taken to the hospital for treatment. Up until a late hour last night she had not regained consciousness, and there was no way by which it could be learned who she is.

SAYS HE WILL COME TO HAWAII

A recent number of a French journal published by the Catholic church contains an item to the effect that Father Conrady, for many years located at Molokai, but now in Chicago, will go from there to the western cities and then to Molokai to study conditions.

Father Conrady is a secular priest of the Catholic church and for years was a disturbing element at the settlement. During the term of W. O. Smith, as president of the Board of Health, he was expelled from the settlement. Later he was heard from in China and was liberally advertised as going to work among the lepers there. Since leaving Hawaii he has studied medicine and bases his claim to admission to the settlement upon his knowledge of medicine and the disease. As the Bishop of the Catholic church in Hawaii has nothing in common with Conrady, who is not a member of the society which does so much for the unfortunates on Molokai, it is not believed he will be permitted to go to the settlement. As he was the cause of so much trouble during his residence ten or twelve years ago the Board of Health will probably keep the bars up while the priest is in the country.

A. Enos and T. R. Robinson of Maui came to Honolulu yesterday by the Mauna Loa.

THE COUNT WAS CUFFED IN KONA

The district of Kona is gossiping over an incident which has for the time quite eclipsed small farming as a topic of conversation and discussion in that section of the Big Island.

The parties concerned, who happen to be in Honolulu, are as dumb as clams on the subject, and the story must perforce be told as it came from a passenger on the steamer Mauna Loa, which arrived on Friday.

It appears that Count Rudolph von S. Domkowitz, a sprig of European nobility, who resided at one time in Honolulu, but who is now located at Hoopuloa, Hawaii, has been entertaining for some time past at his residence a couple of Englishmen, F. Stevens and George F. Wright of London.

A few weeks ago the trio started out to see the country, and while passing through Papa the discovery was made that there was serious likelihood of the supply of horse fodder running short.

The count, doubtless imagining that he was dealing with the residence of a servile peasant, is said to have broken into a dwelling-house, either owned or rented by C. Bolte, in search of food for the steeds.

The Englishmen are said to have remonstrated with the count, reminding him, doubtless, that a man's home is his castle—in good old England, anyway.

The attitude of his companions plucked the count; in other words, he took umbrage and reviled the two for presuming to interfere with his arrangements.

"If I get into trouble you'll both be in the same boat," he testily remarked, or words to that effect.

"You jolly well put that barley back, old chap," insisted the Englishmen.

The count declared that he would have satisfaction, and, if the story be true, he got it in large measure, pressed down and running over.

The count is alleged to have drawn a gun and a knife and to have offered either one of his friends the choice of weapons—first come, first served. The sons of Albion, who were ignorant of "ze duel," and who thought that they were going to be stuck and shot at one and the same time, decided that in unity there was strength, and accordingly jumped the bellicose nobleman at one and the same time and thumped him severely.

The Englishmen then returned to the Palace Domkowitz, packed their grips—Anglice, luggage—and embarked on the Mauna Loa, arriving here on Friday. C. Bolte took passage by the same boat.

No sooner had Bolte got to town than he and Stevens visited Attorney General Hemenway and Bolte complained of having been robbed by Domkowitz. Both he and Stevens were highly incensed at the count, but Hemenway, after reviewing the facts of the case, counseled against prosecution.

It is said that Messrs. Stevens and Wright intend to return to England by the first boat.

DEMOCRATS AND LAUKEA IN ACCORD

The following letter has been sent to Sheriff Laukea on behalf of the Democratic Territorial Central Committee, in response to his letter of resignation from the committee which was received at the meeting of the committee Friday night:

Honolulu, T. H., February 1, 1908.
C. P. Laukea, Esq., County Sheriff of Oahu, Honolulu, T. H.

Dear Sir: I have for acknowledgment your letter of resignation of Jan. 31st, embodying your reasons for taking this step.

The Territorial Central Committee requests me to inform you that in accepting your resignation it appreciates that, in the steps you have taken in this matter, you are fully in accord with the declarations and principles enunciated in the platform of the party, and it heartily endorses the department regulation precluding police officers from active participation in politics.

Thanking you for your kindly expressions for the party and its welfare, I am,

Yours very sincerely,
JOHN EMMELHUTH,
Sec'y Ter. Democratic Central Committee.

AMBASSADOR TAKAHIRA.

According to the Hawaii Shinto the new Japanese Ambassador to Washington, Baron Takahira, was to have left Rome the first of February for Paris, where he would meet Ambassador Kuroki, who would accompany him to London. After a meeting there with Count Komura, also with Lord Grey, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Takahira would proceed to Washington.